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1. THE EMBASSY'S ANNUAL ASSESSMENT, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, WILL SET FORTH OUR MULTILATERAL STRATEGY. IN THIS CABLE WE ADDRESS SPECIFICS RAISED BY REFTEL.

2. AS FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES (PARA 7 REFTEL), THEY GROW OUT OF ITS INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND A WELTANSCHAUUNG BORN OF ITS INDEPENDENT, NON-SOVIET BRAND OF MARXISM. THE IDEOLOGY AND CONVERGENCE OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS BEHIND ITS POLICIES WERE DISCUSSED RECENTLY BY YUGOSLAVIA'S CHIEF IDEOLOGUE, EDVARD KARDELJ (75 BELGRADE 4997).

3. SINCE WE PROCEED FROM SUCH DIVERSE STARTING POINTS, THE US WILL BE AT ODDS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS AT LEAST AS OFTEN AS WE ARE TOGETHER ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR FIGHT AND TO USE LEVERAGE ON THOSE ISSUES OF REAL CONCERN TO US. AT THE SAME TIME, AS DEMONSTRATED IN 1975 (E.G., YUGOSLAV OPPOSITION AT THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING TO THE ARAB RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF
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ISRAEL FROM THE UN) WHEN THE YUGOSLAVS PERCEIVE THAT OUR INTERESTS

CONVERGE, THEY CAN BE OF SIGNIFICANT HELP TO US. WE CAN ALSO SUCCEED IN OCCASIONALLY MAKING THEM AS LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO SOME PRIMARILY US INTERESTS (IN 1975 FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY ABSTAINED ON PUERTO RICO RESOLUTION).

4. CLOSE, AND ESPECIALLY TIMELY, CONSULTATIONS ARE WORTH THE EFFORT EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL AS OFTEN FAIL AS SUCCEED IN THE NEAR TERM. WHILE THEY WOULD OFTEN PREFER TO IGNORE IT, YUGOSLAVS CAN UNDERSTAND THE INTERACTION OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES WHEN THE LATTER ARE OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO US. BUT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF WE GET TO THE YUGOSLAVS BEFORE THEIR POSITION IS APPROVED AT THE TOP, AND BEFORE IT IS LOCKED IN AT NON-ALIGNED STRATEGY SESSIONS OR CONFERENCES. ONCE THAT HAPPENS, YUGOSLAV DELEGATIONS HAVE ALMOST NO MANEUVERING ROOM AS THEY ARE UNDERSTANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESERVE NON-ALIGNED UNITY. WE CAN RARELY HOPE TO TURN THEM AROUND AT THIS STAGE NO MATTER HOW HARD WE PRESS, THOUGH BELGRADE HAS THE POWER AND MEANS TO DO SO IF IT DECIDES TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THE ISSUE IN QUESTION.

5. IN 1976, THE YUGOSLAVS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WHICH THEY LAUNCHED AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA. THEY WILL BE FOCUSING MUCH ATTENTION ON THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AT COLOMBO THIS SUMMER, WHERE THEIR BID TO MAINTAIN AN INFLUENTIAL ROLE WILL BE A DYNAMIC IN THEIR ACTIVITIES. THEY WILL DOUBTLESS BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF PREDICTABLE NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS AT THE UNGA.

6. EMBASSY DESIGNATES FSO KENNETH HILL AS MLO.
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